

American Conference of Cantors Testing and Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the American Conference of Cantors. Please see the policy below for complete requirements regarding your application for membership. Please fill out the application on the reverse side of this page and return it with all required documentation and payments to:

American Conference of Cantors
Membership Exam Coordinator (NY or LA)
1375 Remington Road, Suite M
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Any person who is a graduate of a recognized institution of higher learning and has been awarded a Master's Degree (Jewish Music/Jewish Education or related) in or after the year 2013 or a Bachelor's degree if graduation was prior to 2013 from that institution as well as conferred the title "Cantor" or an equivalent (Cantor/Educator, etc.) from one of the following institutions is eligible for testing to become an Associate Member of the American Conference of Cantors:

Abraham Geiger College
Academy for Jewish Religion, California
Academy for Jewish Religion, New York
The Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano
Hebrew College, Boston
RRC & Gratz College - Masters in Jewish Music
Jewish Theological Seminary, Miller School

The exam for ACC Regular Membership will be held once a year in New York City, NY, and once a year in Los Angeles, CA. The exam includes written and oral portions.

Prior to testing, Cantorial applicants must submit the following documents and fees:

- The attached membership application.
- Proof of the candidate's Baccalaureate degree (or its equivalent) and Master's degree.
 - Either a photo or copy of the diploma or transcripts from the institution will suffice.
- A copy or photo of the ordination certificate from a school of higher Jewish learning that is on the list of ACC-recognized seminaries. We do not accept private ordination.
- Letters of recommendation:
 - Two letters of recommendation from current members in good standing of the ACC who are familiar with the candidate's personal qualities and professional work.
 - Two letters of recommendation from individuals with whom the candidate has worked in a professional capacity.
 - Two letters of recommendation from individuals with whom the candidate has a personal relationship.
- A personal essay, no longer than eight double-spaced pages in length, describing your vision of the Reform cantorate and how you view your personal cantorate in the context of Reform Jewish life. This essay should include your perception of and commitment to the Reform Movement, including various experiences and an articulated understanding of the tenets and practices of Reform Judaism. In addition, the essay should explore your full understanding of Reform Judaism and Jewish music through your personal relationship to Reform Judaism as manifest through spiritual, intellectual, and ritual expressions.
- A non-refundable \$500 application fee to cover our administrative expenses for processing your application.
- \$150 testing fee for each time (up to three times) the candidate sits for an exam.

Applicants may apply three times. No application will be accepted after a third failure of the exam.

Full policy is available here: http://accantors.org/acc/becoming_a_member

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847-781-7800

Title: _____ First _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Personal Contact Information:

Home Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Spouse: _____

Upon acceptance into membership, do you want your personal information to be published in our directory? _____

Work Information:

Name of Congregation: _____

Congregation Affiliation URJ USCJ Other _____

Congregation Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Cong. Phone _____ Ext. _____ Cong. Fax _____

Other Information:

Primary Email Address _____

(This will be the email address used for all ACC correspondence)

Academic information:

Undergraduate University/Year of Graduation: _____ Degree: _____

Graduate University/Year of Graduation: _____ Degree: _____

Seminary: _____ Year of Ordination: _____

Other Titles You Hold: Rabbi-School/Date of Ordination _____

Other _____

By applying for Membership in the ACC, I have read, and hereby agree to abide by all of the ACC's membership testing guidelines and policies. Upon passing the membership exam and my acceptance into membership, I acknowledge and hereby agree to abide by all of the ACC's governing documents. These can be found at www.accantors.org.

Signature _____

Date _____